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### **SOUTHOLD STUDENT WINS CONGRESSIONAL ART CONTEST**

**Southampton, NY**-Southold High School student Beth Tasca won the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District's Art Contest. Tasca and other participants were honored by Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Southampton) at a reception on April 28 in the Avram Family Galleries, Fine Arts Center at Southampton College. In all, 54 young artists from throughout the district submitted work for the competition.

Tasca's winning entry was an acrylic work entitled "Self Portrait." Tasca will have her work displayed in a year-long exhibit in the U.S. Capitol and will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to study art at Southampton College of Long Island University. She will also receive free airline tickets for two to attend a June 24 reception to unveil the work from throughout the nation in the Capitol, courtesy of Southwest Airlines.

"The Congressional Art Contest is a wonderful opportunity to identify and encourage our nation's talented young artists. It provides a showcase for their talent and continues Long Island's rich artistic heritage," Bishop said. "I am very proud that we have so many partners who want to provide opportunities to help our young artists develop their creative talents. It shows the tremendous support that exists for the arts in our community."

2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Samantha Hamilton of Longwood High School and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place went to Michael Nudelman of Smithtown High School. Both will receive a one-year scholarship to the summer high school art workshop at Southampton College as well as a one-year membership to the East End Arts Council.

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